# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

In re:

Cloud 10 Financial, Inc. and Milo Dante Lewis

Respondents.

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

The licensing and regulation of loan modification consultants, foreclosure consultants and other persons providing 'covered services' as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 645F.310 in the State of Nevada is governed by Chapter 645F of NRS and by permanent regulation R052-09 promulgated pursuant thereto (the "Regulation"). The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Division") has the general duty to exercise supervision and control over covered service providers, foreclosure consultants and loan modification consultants. <u>See</u> Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation. Pursuant to that authority, the Division makes the following Factual Allegations, Violations of Law, and Order, as follows:

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. Based upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein mentioned, Cloud 10 Financial, Inc. ("Cloud 10") was and is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with offices located at 10 North California Street, Stockton, California 95202 and 640 Tracey Jean Court, Tracy, California 95377.
- 2. Based upon information and belief, Milo Dante Lewis ("Lewis") is the sole owner of Cloud 10 and conducted, and continues to conduct, activities on its behalf as a loan

modification consultant, foreclosure consultant or covered service provider relating to properties in Nevada.

- 3. Based upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein mentioned, Cloud 10 and Lewis ("Respondents") advertised services as, provided services of, engaged in, carried on or held themselves out as engaging in or carrying on, and continue to advertise services as, provide services of, engage in, carry on or hold themselves out as engaging in or carrying on, the activities of a loan modification consultant, foreclosure consultant or covered service provider relating to properties in Nevada.
- 4. Neither Respondent Cloud 10 nor Respondent Lewis has never applied for, or been issued, a license by the Division as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant, whether as an independent licensee or as an associated licensee, pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation.
- 5. Based upon information and belief, and at all relevant times herein mentioned, Complainant RPM was the owner of certain real property located at 8407 Kettledrum Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89139 ("Property").
- 6. On approximately January 4, 2010, the Division received a written complaint from Complainant RPM ("Complaint") alleging, among other things, that:
- a. Between approximately January 2009 and March 2009, Complainant RPM paid Respondents a total of Twelve Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$1,295.00) to negotiate the modification of his mortgage loan secured by the Property;
- b. From approximately January 2009 to December 2009, Respondent Cloud 10 and/or Respondent Lewis offered to provide, or provided, for compensation, services to obtain a mortgage loan modification for Complainant RPM and/or prevent the Property from going to foreclosure, or to provide other covered services, as defined in NRS 645F.310, for Complainant RPM; and

- c. Respondents failed to provide the loan modification services for which Complainant RPM had paid Respondents.
- 7. Pursuant to the Regulation, "[w]hether or not a complaint has been filed, the Commissioner may investigate a licensee or other person if, for any reason, it appears that...[t]he licensee or other person is offering or providing any of the services of a covered services provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engaging in, carrying on or holding himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered services provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without being appropriately licensed or exempt from licensing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS...." See Section 105(1)(b) of the Regulation.
  - 8. Pursuant to NRS 645F.310, "covered service" includes, without limitation:
- 1. Financial counseling, including, without limitation, debt counseling and budget counseling;
- 2. Receiving money for the purpose of distributing it to creditors in payment or partial payment of any obligation secured by a mortgage or other lien on a residence in foreclosure;
- payment of any obligation secured by a mortgage or other lien on a residence in foreclosure;

  3. Contacting a creditor on behalf of a homeowner; 4. Arranging or attempting to arrange for an extension of the period within which a homeowner may cure a default and reinstate an obligation pursuant to a note, mortgage or deed of trust; 5. Arranging or attempting to arrange for any delay or postponement of the time of a foreclosure sale; 6. Advising the filing of any document or assisting in any manner in the preparation of any document for filing with a bankruptcy court; and 7. Giving any advice, explanation or instruction to a homeowner which in any manner relates to the cure of a default in or the reinstatement of an obligation secured by a mortgage or other lien on the residence in foreclosure, the full satisfaction of the obligation, or the postponement or avoidance of a foreclosure sale.
- 9. Pursuant to the Regulation, "[a] person shall not advertise services as, provide any of the services of, act as or conduct business as a covered service provider, foreclosure

consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engage in, carry on or hold himself out as engaging in or carrying on the activities of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant unless the person has a license as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant, as applicable, issued pursuant to this chapter and chapter 645F of NRS." <u>See</u>, Section 17 of the Regulation.

- 10. Pursuant to the Regulation, "[i]t is unlawful for any person to provide or offer to provide any of the services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without first obtaining the applicable license issued pursuant to this chapter and chapter 645F of NRS, unless the person" is exempt from licensing and complies with the requirements for that exemption. <u>See</u>, Section 102 of the Regulation.
- 11. After receiving the Complaint regarding Respondents, the Division conducted an investigation which revealed, among other things, that:
- a. Both before and after the August 25, 2009 effective date of the Regulation, Respondents offered to provide, or provided, services to obtain a mortgage loan modification for Complainant RPM and/or prevent the Property from going to foreclosure or to provide other covered services, as defined in NRS 645F.310, as evidenced by Respondent Lewis's written response to the Complaint on February 22, 2010 (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full), wherein Respondent Lewis admitted that "from Jan [sic] 2009 through December 2009 for the total cost of \$1295," Respondent Cloud 10 worked to modify Complainant RPM's mortgage loan;
- b. Respondents failed to provide the loan modification services for which Complainant RPM had paid Respondents Twelve Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$1,295.00);

c. Neither Respondent Cloud 10 nor Respondent Lewis has ever applied for or been issued a license by the Division as a loan modification consultant, foreclosure consultant or covered service provider (whether as an independent licensee or associated licensee), pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation; and

- d. At all relevant times herein mentioned, neither Respondent Cloud 10 nor Respondent Lewis was or is exempt from the licensing requirements of Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation.
- 12. Pursuant to the Regulation, "[f]or each violation committed by a person who engages in an activity for which licensure as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant is required under this chapter and chapter 645F of NRS, without regard to whether the person is licensed under this chapter and chapter 645F of NRS, the Commissioner may impose upon the person an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000...if the person...[d]oes not conduct business in accordance with law or has violated any provision of this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS or any order of the Commissioner...[or] [has offered or provided any services prescribed under this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS requiring licensure and the person did not have such a license and was not exempt from licensing at the time the person engaged in the activities...." See, Sections 103(3)(c) and (w) of the Regulation.
- 13. Pursuant to the Regulation, "[i]f a person engages in an activity in violation of the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS or an order of the Commissioner, the Commissioner may issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the activity." <u>See</u>, Section 108(1) of the Regulation.

### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

After investigation, the Division determined that, at all relevant times herein mentioned, Respondents, and each of them, offered or provided services of a covered services provider,

foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engaged in, carried on or held themselves out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered services provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without having applied for and/or been issued a license by the Division and without being exempt from licensing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 645F of NRS or the Regulation, in violation of Chapter 645F of NRS and Sec. 17, 103(3)(c) and 105(1)(b) of the Regulation.

#### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION HEREBY ORDERS, pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and Section 108(1) of the Regulation, after having determined that Respondents offered or provided services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engaged in, carried on or held themselves out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without having applied for and/or been issued a license by the Division and without being exempt from licensing, in violation of Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation, that RESPONDENTS, AND EACH OF THEM, IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST from the following activities::

- Advertising for and/or soliciting covered services, foreclosure consultant and/or loan modification consultant business in the State of Nevada without having first received a license from the Division to conduct such activities; and
- 2. Offering or providing any of the services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant and/or loan modification consultant, or otherwise engaging in, carrying on or holding themselves out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant and/or loan modification consultant in the State of Nevada for which they have not received a license from the Division to conduct such activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and Section 108(4) of the Regulation, that upon filing a verified petition with the Division within twenty (20) days of receipt of this Order to Cease and Desist, Respondents, and each of them, shall be entitled to a hearing with regard to the contents of this Order to Cease and Desist. Each Respondent is advised, however, that the provisions of this Order to Cease and Desist are effective immediately upon such Respondent being served therewith, whether or not such Respondent requests a hearing.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS: If you request a hearing, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice at your own expense. At the hearing, if one is timely requested, the Division will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and Section 113(2) of the Regulation that upon written application to the Division within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, Respondents, and each of them, shall be entitled to a hearing with regards to the contents of this Order referenced hereafter. At that hearing the Division will seek to impose an administrative fine against Respondents, jointly and severally, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00), payable to the Division on account of Respondents' violations of Chapter 645F of NRS and the Regulation, the Division's investigative costs in the amount of Five Hundred Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$540.00) as well as the Division's attorney's fees, if any, incurred herein, to be proven at the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Chapter 645F of NRS and Section 103(2) of the Regulation, that Respondents immediately (a) cancel all contracts, if any, with Nevada

homeowners and refund to such homeowners all moneys collected by Respondents from such homeowners, including, but not limited to, refunding Twelve Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$1,295.00) to Complainant RPM or (b) obtain the written consent of the homeowners to transfer their files, moneys and contracts to a licensed, bonded independent licensee, HUD-approved counseling service or other entity exempt from Chapter 645F of NRS.

Should Respondents, or either of them, not timely request a hearing within **twenty (20) days** of the date of this Order; the Division will enter a Final Order in this matter against such Respondent, as required by Section 113(2) of the Regulation. The Division's Final Order will require payment by Respondents, jointly and severally, of the administrative fine, the Division's investigative costs, and the Division's attorney's fees within **thirty (30) days** of the entry of the Final Order.

Dated this  $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{}$  day of May, 2010.

State of Nevada
Department of Business and Industry
Division of Mortgage Lending

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

To:

Dan Mckimmey

Fr:

Milo Lewis

RE:

Response to Compliant from Ronald Mccrear

02-22-10

Ronald Mccrea enrolled in our hardship services program in January of 2009. He was referred to me by Attorney Stephen Alpert after his Chapter 7 Bankruptcy was discharged.

He was given a free consultation on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 detailing his situation and options. He expressed that he was self employed and expecting high contracts for earnings. I expressed to him that proving his income would be key to saving his home however we could submit his paper work and work with his bank until the income from his big contracts came in.

Mr. Mccrea and I built his strategy plan over the phone that day. Because he enrolled based on future income and his current income situation was tight we enrolled him in a discounted hardship services program that had a total cost of \$1295.

Mr. Mccrea paid \$200 on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 and paid the remainder of \$1095 before March 2009. We did go to work for Mr. Mccrea and attached with this letter is some of the proof of the packages sent and submitted for his family. He also had Airrial Gates assigned as his hardship file manager in addition to my availability.

After nearly 5 months of work on behalf of Mr. Mccrea – he still did not have any proof of income. On May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 Mr. Mccrea sent us an email stating that work has stopped for him he is not expecting any income and to tell him if this is not going to work.

We then reiterated to Mr. Mccrea that without income we could not ask the bank to modify the home however we would still help him with other strategies. We also reminded him if he gets the income he said he would have on his initial consultation back in January we could resubmit the package.

This honest but tough conversation made Mr. Mccrea angry and he had been very harassing and hostile ever since. In October 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 he sent me an email apologizing for his behavior and stating he did not want me to be considered for nay wrong doing.

He sent other emails after that.

We worked for Mr. McCrea from Jan 2009 through December 2009 for the total cost of \$1295. The modification did not result because his projected income was never realized.

We worked hard for his family and feel we did nothing but serve Ronald McCrea's best interest.

Attached with this response are some of the emails that Mr. Mccrea sent us. Also attached is proof of the work we did for his family.

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7229 Sermude Road, Suite A Las Veges, Nevede 89119 (702) 486-0789 Fax (702) 486-0785 www.mid.nv.gov DIANNE CORNWALL
Director

JOSEPH L WALTUCH Commissioner

Complainant: Ronald P. McCrea

Respondent: Milo Lewis

Subject: Affidavit in support of complaint response and attachments

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

Pursuant to NRS 53.045 I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that statements made in response to the complaint and the documents being provided herein are true and correct.

Executed on 02/22/2010

(Signature)

Milo (ewis, owner)

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR RESPONSE.

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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3	I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry,
4	Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on , May 5, 2010, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage
5	prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of
6	the foregoing, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINE
7	AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING for CLOUD 10 FINANCIAL, INC. AND
8	MILO DANTE LEWIS, addressed as follows:
10	WILD DINVID ED WIS, addressed as follows.
11	Milo Dante Lewis
12	Cloud 10 Financial, Inc.
13	10 North California Street Stockton, CA 95377
14	Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0876 3602
15	Milo Dante Lewis
16	Cloud 10 Financial, Inc. 640 Tracey Jean Court
17	Tracey, CA 95377
18	Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0876 3619
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23	DATED this 4th day of May, 2010
24	By: Susan Slack
25	Employee of the Division
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